

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

MAY 7, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Sunday of the Paralytic; Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem at the Third Hour of the Day during the Reign of Constantine (351); the Holy Martyr Acacius (286-305)



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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday Services:

8:30am — Ukrainian 10:30am — English 1:00pm — Arabic / English [Melkite] 5:00pm — English

Weekday Services:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat—English @ 9:00 am

Friday at Westview—English @ 10:00 am

Paschal Troparia

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic,* lift my soul by Your divine presence,* for by many sins and foolish actions,* I, too, am now afflicted and crippled.* Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You:*

Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles:* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (Psalm 32:22,1)

Epistle

Acts 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord./Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes,

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

Sunday 10:00 am —12:00 pm Saturday @ 4:00 pm—5:00 pm or by appointment

Marriage:

Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Baptism-Chrismation-Eucharist:Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Anointing of the Sick:

For emergencies call 403-249-4818, press 9.

Funeral: Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

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and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.

Alleluia

verse: Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. verse: For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever." (Psalm 32:22,1)

Gospel John 5:1-15

t that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Hymn to the Mother of God

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the

heavens; praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)

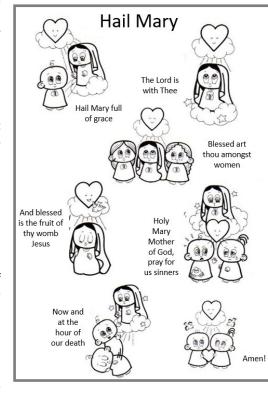
Congratulations

on your First Solemn Communion!



A Big THANK YOU to the teachers and the parent volunteers for helping on this big day!





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"WE'RE LEAVING – ON A BIG BUS ..." ST. STEPHEN'S CHOIR OFF TO EDMONTON

☐ The bus arrives... we're ready to go! It's a chilly day... with a bit of snow. ☐

The occasion was the Knights of Columbus, Alberta and N.W.T. Annual State Convention, being held in Edmonton, the last weekend of April. The K of C Convention always begins with a Mass on the evening before the actual meetings and this year Bishop David was invited to celebrate the Ukrainian Rite Liturgy, and all in the English language.

St. Stephen's choir was invited to sing the responses, the invitation was accepted, and 35 singers answered the call. Interestingly, three of the pastors assisting Bishop David had all served in our St. Stephen's Parish at one time.

The bus trip was a very quick one, leaving Calgary just after lunch on April 28th and back in Calgary just before midnight that same day and left many of the choir passengers wondering aloud ..."What just happened?"

As we reflect, we smile as we say that our music ministry has sung the world over ... be it The Middle East, Eastern Europe, the South Pacific and the provinces of B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba and of course Alberta. The experiences and memories linger always....each unique, each special. This trip to Edmonton was no different. As we boarded the bus in Calgary, we were introduced to our bus driver...Myron...a Ukrainian man whó prays at the Assumption BVM church. What are the chances? We immediately feel in very good hands and at peace. (And we made a good friend.)

Arriving at the Edmonton Westin, the venue for this Convention, we were met in the foyer and greeted by none other than Fr. Rendy, Fr. Slawko, Fr. Peter and Bishop David. What a surprise! We were overwhelmed by their welcome and their love.

The Westin Ballroom was retrofitted with chairs and a make-shift altar that really did transform the space into a church. We took

our places as liturgy was about to begin. The room was filled with Knights and guests, mostly non-Ukrainian. A brief explanation was made about the Ukrainian Rite Liturgy and the congregation was invited to sing the responses with the choir as best as they could...and they did... and now it was our turn to be overwhelmed. The worshippers sang with their hearts and it was beautiful. It mattered not the language or the rite, it was the celebration of the Eucharist that was the In his very brief homily, Bishop sincerely and graciously acknowledged the invite by the K of C. His significant message to everyone attending was simply stated ... "Like the myrrh-bearing women... go and spread the good news... do not be afraid!"

And soon our formal involvement had ended. It was an amazing festive atmosphere as we stopped to take pictures with priests, Sister Laura and friends... and even with Pope Francis (he looked so real).

We left the venue walking on air and our return bus trip was an opportunity to bond further and to share, to sing and to celebrate. When we disembarked in Calgary, our minds buzzed with many cherished memories and our hearts were filled with humble gratitude.

One could ask, why would the choir accept this invitation? The answer would be very simple. We were inspired to travel to Edmonton to sing the liturgy with Bishop David in an effort "to spread the good news!" And we did!

We are so grateful to Bill Lewchuk, a good friend and a local K of C member, for orchestrating all the details of this trip and to all the Knights for their never-ending support and for their service to God and community. We are grateful to our choir director who always encourages us to do, and to be. And we are grateful to God for a wonderful opportunity.

Thank you Pat Ochitwa for sharing your musings of this exciting trip!

Stan K thanks for the photos!

Laurie Kindrachuk, editor

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Liturgy Intentions for this week:

Sunday, May 7: SUNDAY of the PARALYTIC

- 8:30am for health and healing for Anne and Harry Szutiak
- 10:30am for blessings, thanksgiving, peace and health for Don and Jeanne Kuther & family
- 5:00pm for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Monday, May 8:

9:00am – for a speedy recovery for Anne Lozinski

Tuesday, May 9:

 9:00am – for of the repose of the soul of +Victoria Burlack

Wednesday, May 10:

NO Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 11:

9:00am – for peace and comfort for Janice Govia

Friday, May 12:

 10:00am – WestView – for peace and comfort for Janice Govia

Saturday, May 13:

9:00am – in memory (40-day)
 of the repose of the soul of
 +Ed Oleksyn w/ panakhyda

Sunday, May 14: MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:30am for peace and comfort for Janice Govia
- 10:30am in memory (40-day)
 of the repose of the soul of
 +Victoria Burlack w/ pana khyda
- 5:00pm for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

ST. STEPHEN CHARITABLE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Charity Subcommittee:

Coordinate and market the efforts of all parish charitable activity.

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn

587-891-9898;

eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com

Pass It On:

Donates clothing to needy families Contact: Theresa Lewchuk 403-208-0850; lewchukt@hotmail.com

Men's Dinner:

Annual major church fundraiser for capital expenses plus Inn From the Cold endeavors. Contact: Greg Bobyn 403-271-0011; greg.bobyn@mnp.ca

The Helping Others Network:

Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.

Contact: Sean Quinn connect@helpingothersnetwork.com

Art Committee:

studies and plans new religious artwork for parish.

Contact: Jim Ochitwa

jim.ochitwa@maryngroup.com

UCWLC:

Responds to parish and community needs through volunteerism, pastoral works, Ukrainian culture & aid.
Contact: Stacey Bobyn 403-860-2185 sbobyn1@telusplanet.net

Knights of Columbus:

Provide financial aid & support for members and their families, and help the sick, needy and disabled in our parish, city and abroad. Contact: Earle Kowalewich at 403-831-5503, earlekoko@shaw.ca

Plus 50 Club:

Provides social interaction for parish seniors, promotes Ukrainian cultural events, and raises funds for the parish.
Contact: Ed Tysowski

403-547-3226; tysow@shaw.ca

APRIL /

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 SUNDAY OF PARALYTIC 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng.—with Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy—Arabic 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. 	8 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio • 4:00 pm Newman College Course • 7:00 Finance Committee Meeting	9 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 7:00 pm PPC Meeting • 7:00 pm Pass it on meeting
14 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN ◆ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. ◆ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng.—with Sunday School ◆ 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy—Arabic ◆ 5:00 pm Special Divine Liturgy for moms: Eng.	 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio 4:00 pm Newman College Course 7:00 pm 50th Anniversary Planning meeting 	16 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 1:00 pm Regnum Christ
21 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND • 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. • 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng.—NO Sunday School • 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy—Arabic • 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	22 ◆ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ◆ 4:00 pm Newman College Course	• 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 11:00 Plus 50 meeting
28 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS • 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. • 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. with Sunday School • 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy—Arabic • 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio 4:00 pm Newman College Course 6:30pm WTFSE training with Andrea from Eparchy 	30 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

MAY 2017

WEDNESDAY	Thursday	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 • No Divine Liturgy	11 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	12 • 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview Lodge	 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Akathist 10:00 am UCWLC Luncheon 2:00 View from the inside Puppet Theatre 4:00pm Confessions 5:00 pm Vespers
←	Icon Workshop—Fr. Bo is av	/ay ————	-
17No Divine Liturgy7:00 Property Management Meeting	18 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	19 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview Lodge	 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Akathist 4:00pm Confessions 5:00 pm Vespers
24 • No Divine Liturgy	25 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 7:00 pm Festal Divine Liturgy	26 ◆ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview Lodge	27 Deacon Andrij's Ordination in Edmonton ◆ 10:00 am Akathist
31 ◆ No Divine Liturgy	1 June • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 7:00 pm KofC—3rd Degree Meeting at the Assumption parish	2 • 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview Lodge	 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Akathist 12:00 pm RCIA/Adult Catechesis Post event 4:00pm Confessions 5:00 pm Vespers

St. Stephen's Choir: Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events. Contact: Linda Dudar 403-238-0461; linda.dudar@stmu.ca

Prayer & Support Group: Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.
Contact: Marilyn Comchi
403-220-9624; marilyncomchi@shaw.ca

Support Network: Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need. Contact: Marilyn Comchi

403-220-9624 marilyncomchi@shaw.ca

International Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd and 3rd world countries.

Contact: Steve Groch
403-239-4699; swgctc@aol.com

Family Support Trust Fund: provides temporary financial support to

parishioners in need. Donations to this

fund are always welcome. Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn 587-891-9898;

eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com

Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.

Contact: John Siroishka 403-271-2128; johnsiroishka@shaw.ca

Parish Library: A great place to borrow great books about our faith. Contact: Olga Kizlyk Scarpari ststephens.library@gmail.com

ARK Store: Looking for the perfect religious item? Check it out at the entrance to our hall. Open most Sunday mornings after Liturgy.

Contact: Donna Chelack

403-764-0811; dchelack@shaw.ca



Mothers and Fathers in Action

(M.A.F.I.A.): A group for parents and little ones from 'in utero' to Grade 6. Contact: Zenon Berg zenonberg@gmail.com

Sunday School: A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy for preschoolers age 4 through grade 2 children.

Contact: Lynsey Lowey lklowey@hotmail.com

First Solemn Communion (FSC):

Sacramental Classes for children around GRADE 2 who are ready to approach for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.

Contact: Karen McMillan s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com

Children of Mary & Altar Servers:

Elementary school children who have completed their FSC, are encouraged to get involved by serving at the Altar, learning, playing and growing together. Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com

Junior Youth & Senior Youth: This is an active group of Jr. & Sr. High School students who work, play and grow together in Christ. We are currently looking for a youth group leader, so if interested, please contact Fr. Bo.

Young Adults: Those aged 18 - 35 are encouraged to gather as a community and learn, embrace and celebrate their faith. We are currently looking for a young adults leader, so if interested, please contact Fr. Bo.

Adult Catechism (RCIA): This program is open to Adults and Teens who want to receive the sacraments or just understand the faith.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com

Bible Study: On many Mondays we study our faith through Sacred Scripture. Join us.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

PRAYER & CATECHESIS

GREETING CARDS AND DIVINE LITURGIES: If you know someone in our Parish Family who the Love & Care Committee should be attending to, please contact Anne Lozinski at 403-241-8905.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Finance Committee meeting: Monday May 8th @ 7:00pm

Pass it on: May 9th @ 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting:

Thursday May 11 @ 7:00pm

Parish Council meeting: Tuesday May 9th at

7:00pm

Plus 50 meeting has been changed from May 30 to Tuesday, May 23.

LITURGICAL HELP

Today

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: UCWL 10:30 am: UCWL 5:00 pm: UCWL

HOSTS/USHERS 8:30 am— UCWL 10:30— UCWL

ROSARY 10:00 am : UCWL

ARK STORE

Next week (May14)

EPISTLE READERS 8:30 am: UCWL 10:30 am: UCWL 5:00 pm: UCWL

HOSTS/USHERS 8:30 am— UCWL 10:30— UCWL

ROSARY 10:00 am : UCWL

ARK STORE



KIDS SUMMER CAMP 2017

July 10th-14th (with wrap up Sunday July 16th)

See our Parish website for a cool video then
Please contact Lynsey Lowey to register and/or
for more info: lklowey@hotmail.com

Registration forms and volunteer sign up sheets are at the back of the atrium.

Online registration: http://

www.saintstephencalgary.ca/kids-summer-camp

-2017.html

SUMMER STUDENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

St Stephen Property Management Team

The property management team is once again looking to hire up to three summer students to help out on a number of maintenance jobs around the church.

Duration of the work term is expected to be between 5-8 weeks starting mid-May

Work involved:

- Gardening (including lawn mowing, trimming and weeding)
- Painting—interior and exterior
- General maintenance and cleaning (facilities, floors, kitchen, church)
- Documentation—preparing maintenance procedures documentation

Applicant—student eligibility:

- At least 15 years of age
- Attending high school or a postsecondary institution (note: you must be returning to school full-time in the fall)
- Available to work 30 hours per week for a minimum of four weeks during a period starting mid-May until the end of August.

If interested, please submit your resume (in confidence) before May 12, 2017 email: jlalach@gmail.com.

To find out more or if you have any questions contact Pierre Loczy, Director— Property Management at 403-804-7554



Saturday, June 24th 2017, St Stephen's Cultural Centre 4903—45th Street SW

Doors open at 6:00 pm BBQ Steak and Perogie Supper @ 7:00 pm Entertainment & Dance @ 9:00 pm

> For tickets contact Terry: 403-540-0411, Ron: 403-239-5555, Ambrose: 403-862-3269

View from the Inside Puppet Theatre May 13th @ 2:00 pm at St Stephen's Hall

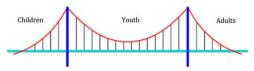


View from the Inside is a puppetry based arts project exploring the experiences of Calgarians who struggle in different ways with mental wellness.

All youth are welcome!

Take the Saturday off and Join Us at...

"UCWLC: Building Bridges Across the Generations"



An activity-based, age-appropriate retreat for all females, 6 years old through to adulthood (i.e. mothers, daughters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, granddaughters, sisters, aunts, nieces, etc.)

Saturday, June 17, 2017

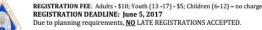
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish 9003-153 Ave., Edmonton

"Bedtime Bags" - Attendees are invited to bring whichever of the following small stuffy, small blanket, toothbrush – that will be put into "Bedtime Bags" for children who come with their mothers to "A Safe Place" in Sherwood Park.

Rosary - Please bring a rosary if you have one

To **register**, contact: Mary Ann Phillips at phillipseparchy@hotmail.ca or 780-467-4351. Please inform regarding food allergies or gluten free.



Sponsored by Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, **Eparchy of Edmonton**

Please join Most Reverend Bishop David Motiuk at a fundraiser in support of our Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Alberta.

Friday June 9, 2017

St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church 4903-45 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta

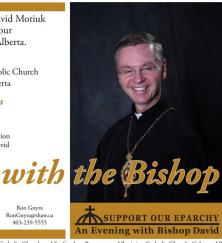
Tickets: \$75.00 per person

6:00 PM Bishop David's Welcome 7:00 PM Chef's Delights, Cash Bar Art Displays & Silent Auctio 8:30 PM Presentation by Bishop David

Andrew Ilnycky ilnycky@telus.ne 403-510-5290

Laurie Kindrachuk laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca 403-614-5581

Ron Gnyra RonGnyra@shaw.ca 403-239-5555



Co-hosted by Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church and St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church, Calgary, AB

An Evening with Bishop David:

On Friday June 9, join Bishop David and your fellow parishioners for an evening of conversation and fun! Event timing is 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. In true Ukrainian style we will feed you with Chef's delights (come hungry) and there will be a cash bar. Check out the Silent Auction tables and try outbidding your friends! For tickets (\$75 per person) and more information:

Laurie Kindrachuk: laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca or 403-614-5581 (St. Stephen's) Andrew Ilnycky: ilnycky@telus.net. or 403-510-5290; Ron Gnyra: rongnrya@shaw.ca 403-239-5555 (Assumption).

We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction (to be valued at no less then \$50). Some suggestions: artwork, paintings, pottery, home décor items; Holy Icons, paintings, decorative crosses; gift baskets, gift certificates, gift cards; Ukrainian folk art items, embroidery, Easter eggs.

We also welcome financial support. Please be as creative and generous as you can!

Please contact Eugene or Marilyn Nahirney em.nahirney@telus.net or 403-276-5722 for further information or to provide your support.

Deacon's Andrij's Ordination May 27th, 2017

Will take place at **St Josaphat Cathedral in Edmonton**

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR BUS **TRANSPORTATION WILL BE ON MAY 7, 2017**

Bus transportation will be provided if enough people sign up.

You can either sign up at the atrium or call the office to register (Places are limited).

There will be a reasonable cost depending on the number of people.

Bus will depart from St Stephen's parking lot at 6:00 am. Departure from Edmonton at 4:00pm







Calgary Prolife is holding its 37th Annual Hike for Life on May 13, 2017 at Princes Island Park from 8:30 to 12 Noon.

Register on line at www.calgaryprolife.com or call 403 243 0691 or pick up a pledge sheet in the back of the church for yourself or sponsor a priest. HELP US EDUCATE THE CHILDREN in our schools that life is a gift from God which begins from conception to natural death.

This fundraiser helps to send a resource consultant to schools and groups in Calgary. Last year, almost 6000 people in over 200 presentations were reached and double that came in contact with our message via volunteering, trade shows, the hike and in our parishes.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER ENVIRONMENTS:

Policies and Protocols Regarding Abuse and Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults.

Dear Parishioners and Volunteers,

As Christians we are called to love and protect those to whom we minister, particularly children and the vulnerable. As faithful members of our parish ministries, volunteers are in a special position of trust and carry a particular duty to see that our churchsponsored activities and programs are conducted in as safe an environment as possible.

Bishop David wishes to make clear the Eparchy's commitment to prevent abuse of any kind and to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all our ministries. To this end, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton has implemented a program called Working Together for Safer Environments: Policies and Protocols Regarding Abuse and Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults.

A large aspect of this Eparchial initiative is the management of parish volunteers, with the help of the Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator. The first step is to identify all volunteer positions in a given parish. To this end, all parish volunteers will be invited to Sincerely in Christ, complete a one-page Volunteer Information Form. In addition, Fr. Bo

those who volunteer in higher risk ministries, such as those involving children, vulnerable adults and parish finances, for example, will be invited to complete a Police Information Check. Your Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator or Ministry coordinator will be contacting you in the near future.

Finally, please know that your generous gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated by our parish community. We are blessed indeed by your faith and dedication.

Thank you for your attention to these initiatives, and for your patience and understanding as we move forward in implementing them. Working together as a parish family, we can provide safer environments for all of our faithful.

The requirement of this Eparchial Policy for ALL volunteers is to fill out a volunteer information form and attend a 2 hour volunteer training session. For those volunteers who will be working directly with vulnerable persons or in positions of authority, an additional form will need to be filled out that includes 3 personal references as well as obtaining a Calgary Police Service Information Check. More details will be coming up and changes will be implemented to ensure our Church is a safe place for our children, youth and adults!

Virgin Mary a model of holiness



Mary, the Mother of Jesus, holds an eminent and irrevocable place of honour in our faith tradition because of the unique and undeniable played in role she salvation history as attested in Sacred Scripture. Mary was graced in a most unique and immaculate way at her conception and lived in that holiness all her life. She is the model for our journey of faith because, more than any other person, she was attentive to the Lord's

voice and answered her own vocation with an unconditional "yes" to his Word (Luke 1:38). By God's wisdom, providence, and free initiative, she became the Mother of God-Incarnate, as well as the first and perfect disciple of her only begotten Son, Jesus. Faithfully following Christ with an undivided heart, she persevered as a woman of faith to the foot of the Cross, where the dying Redeemer conferred upon her another vocation, making her the spiritual Mother of all of Christ's disciples. We read in Saint John's Gospel of this admirable, mutual entrusting of the Mother of Jesus and the "beloved disciple," the latter indeed representative of all future disciples of the Lord: "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." (John 19:26-27). At Pentecost, where Mary interceded with the Apostles for the gift of the Spirit, the Church was born, Christ's

Mystical Body sent out into the world; and Mary was present as pre-eminent member and loving Mother of the Church. In each of these vocations – Mother of Christ, Mother of all disciples, Mother of the Church - Mary's life was and remains the model of the sequela Christi, a Latin expression meaning "to follow in Christ's footsteps."

Today, the Blessed Mother continues to shine forth in the community of believers as the perfect example, icon, and model of what it means to live by faith, to welcome grace, and to cooperate with the Lord in the fulfillment of his plan of salvation. In their joint statement to mark the Marian Year of 1954, the Bishops of Canada likewise underscored the contemporary significance of Mary as a paradigm of Christian living:

Mary is, for all generations, the perfect example of redeemed humanity which has recovered its original integrity; and moreover, for our own generation which seeks to do away with God, she is the model of the creature which abandons itself entirely and unconditionally to the will of its Creator.... Thus, dear Brethren, far from diminishing the majesty of God, true devotion to Mary "exalts the humility of a handmaid" (Luke 1:48), and proposes the ideal of a humanity freely and totally submitted to divine action. That is why our generation which is witnessing the rebellion of man against God turns now to the Blessed Virgin with such an ardent yearning.3

Indeed, Mother of the Church and our Mother in the order of grace, Mary continues to intercede on our behalf, presenting our petitions, prayers and needs to her Son, and encouraging us in our faith journey by her example and maternal mediation. It is fitting, therefore, that we should lovingly turn to her, "who from the beginning had given herself without reserve to the person and work of her Son, could not but pour out upon the Church, from the very beginning, her maternal self-giving. After her Son's departure, her motherhood remains in the Church as maternal mediation: interceding for all her children, the Mother cooperates in the saving work of her Son, the Redeemer of the world.